MoU with the Suez Canal Authority

475. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had decided to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Suez Canal Authority to utilise their expertise for the implementation of Sethu-Samudram Ship Channel Project;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a high level team had a discussion with the Suez Canal Authority at Cairo recently; and

(c) if so, the outcome of the said discussion?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BALLU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A delegation led by Minister of Shipping, Road Transport and Highways visited Suez Canal in November, 2004. Another team comprising Joint Secretary from the Department of Shipping and Chairman and Managing Director, Sethusamudram Corporation Limited visited Suez Canal Authority in June, 2005 to finalize the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Suez Canal Authority and Sethusamudram Corporation Limited.

(c) The draft of the MoU has been discussed and finalized. The MoU, *inter-alia,* envisages exchange of information, expertise and technological advancements; training of personnel; technical cooperation between the two authorities.

Construction of flyovers

476. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the flyovers constructed in various States during the last three years, pleased to state-wise;

(b) the number of flyovers proposed to be constructed during the current year, State-wise; and

(c) the details of funds granted for the same indicating the target set and achievements made in this regard, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H.MUNIYAPPA):(a) This